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Pegasus joins 15th MEU (SOC)

For a ride to Yuma to support WTI

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

More than 80 Marines in Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, landed on three U.S. Navy ships that were on their way back to San Diego Saturday, after a seven-month deployment that included support for Operation "Enduring Freedom."

Part of the unit arrived on five aircraft that landed on the USS Peleliu, USS Comstock and USS Dubuque, but others hopped on board when the ships pulled into Pearl Harbor.



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Master Sgt. Miguel Castaneda, maintenance chief, HMMH-463, coordinates parking the Sea Stallion aboard the USS Peleliu when at sea headed toward the mainland.

said Sgt. John Logsdon, crew chief, HMMH-463.

The 15th MEU (SOC) is doing a favor for MAG-24 by providing the unit with transportation, berthing accommodations and space to store its equipment.

"Getting the student pilots and aircrew to their Weapons and Tactics Instructors Course is essential for the unit's mission," added Logsdon. "This way, we can come back to K-Bay and pass on the knowledge we learned to the other aircrews here at the squadron."

Before departing to San Diego, however, the aircraft had to land safely on the Navy vessels.

"These are very old aircraft," said Logsdon. "They don't always do what they're supposed to, but they have today."

The Pegasus Marines hitched the ride to the mainland with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit because they needed to get to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., for a six-week long Weapons and Tactics Instructors Course.

"We usually get to Yuma via a strategic airlift request, but for numerous reasons, it was unavailable,"

Fast roping the wind



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

A Marine attending the Regimental School's Helicopter Rope Suspension Training course flies down a rope at the Schofield rapel tower during the fast rope portion of the two week long course. See full story on page A-3.

Hourly child care gets fine-tuned for busy parents

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Parents, do you need several hours during the day to exercise at the gym, run errands, go shopping, get to those medical appointments or even take college classes?

If the answer is yes, then the Hourly Child Development Center here at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, may be just what you need.

The HCDC offers parents the opportunity to accomplish their daily tasks with assurance that a trained staff is meeting their child's needs. The staff provides a variety of quality activities throughout the day for infants, toddlers and preschool children to enjoy.

"Unfortunately, I often hear parents saying that they can't ever get reservations at our center," said Kelli Allen, director of the HCDC. "We have space available every day in all three classrooms from 1 - 2:30 p.m., so



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Five-month-old Maxwell Jones twists and turns on a crib at the Hourly CDC while awaiting his parents' arrival.

we can schedule more children if parents can be flexible with their appointments."

Often in the afternoon only a few children attend.

"Afternoons are quieter and we get to spend more one-on-one time with the children," states toddler caregiver, Amy Cappadony. "We often spend time playing and reading together on doing activities on the playground. Parents can even request that their child nap while he or she is with us in the afternoon."

Located next to the Armed Services YMCA in Bldg. 578, the center's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance, but registration is required. Enrollment requirements include completion of a registration form, a \$12 yearly registration fee, and proof of good health documented by a yearly physical, TB test and immunization.

"We encourage parents to come and enroll, even if they are not sure whether or not to they will use the center. That way, if they ever do need our services we

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SM&SP hosts 2nd annual paintball tournament

The Single Marine and Sailor Program is hosting its 2nd Annual Interservice Paintball Tournament Apr.20 at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Paintball Field.

The tournament is open to all active duty military members.

The cost is \$175 per team, fees covers entry, prizes, and all day air.

The teams can be composed of seven members but only five players are allowed on the field.



National Professional Paintball League rules apply.

The registration deadline for the tournament is April 18.

Equipment rental is available for \$10.

Teams must provide their own paint or purchase a case of paint for no more than \$60 at the K-Bay paintball field.

For more information, call Dawn Williams, the Single Marine & Sailor Program coordinator, at 254-7593.

K-Bay leaders share faith, leadership at prayer breakfast

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Combat Correspondent

Six decades after the first prayer breakfast group was inaugurated in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, our nation's President, members of his cabinet, the Supreme Court, Congress, the Diplomatic Corps, and military leaders from each service still celebrate this tradition.

This tradition, known

as the "National Prayer Breakfast," brought nearly 100 Marines, Sailors and civilians to Anderson Hall, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Feb.21.

Its purpose was to seek divine guidance for our national leadership and to reaffirm faith and dependence on God.

After several tunes from the Marine Forces Brass Quintet, Cmdr. Jeffrey E. Rhodes, base chaplain, welcomed all

the guests to the event and read a prayer for the nation.

As Rhodes completed the prayer, the sounds of "America, the Beautiful" filled the dining facility with a very strong aura of pride and patriotism.

On the last note of the song, Cmdr. Jackson Harris, regimental chaplain, 3rd Marine Regiment, went on to in-

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

MARINE CORPS MARATHON

The Marine Corps Marathon has launched its online lottery registration for the 27th Marine Corps Marathon. Rick Nealis, race director, opted for the lottery process, this year, because it will give everyone an equal chance to get into the race.

“I feel this process will place less stress on our runners and will allow them to experience a much more efficient registration structure,” Nealis said.

Runners can apply online at www.MarineMarathon.com, through May 3. Each week, starting March 15 until the May 3 deadline, the Marathon staff will randomly select a certain number of entrants until the field reaches 16,000 runners.

Runners need only apply once, for the application will roll over with each weekly drawing. Once a runner has been selected by the lottery, he or she will receive a confirmation email with a bib number. Additionally, the confirmed runners will be posted on the website.

Runners should note, that while the entry is free, if selected, runners will be charged the \$75 registration fee, which is nonrefundable, non-transferable and non-deferrable.

MARCH LENTEN SPEAKERS

Mondays in March, the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Chapel will host its free Lenten Speakers Series, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

- Monday: “Our Judaic Roots” and observance of a Seder meal.
- March 11: “The Meaning of the Stations of the Cross and Roman Catholic Views on Lent”
- March 18: Topic to be determined
- March 25: “What Does Elvis Have to do with Lent?”

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 23: Roman Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
March 24 (Palm Sunday): Roman Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m.; Protestant Services at 8 and 11 a.m.
March 26: Catholic Penance at 7 p.m.
March 28 (Holy Thursday): Roman Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.; Protestant Service at 6:30 p.m.
March 29 (Good Friday): Roman Catholic “Stations of the Cross” at 12 p.m.; Solemn Good Friday Service at 5 p.m.; Protestant Good Friday Service at 2 p.m.
March 30 (Holy Saturday): Roman Catholic Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.
March 31 (Easter Sunday): Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. at the Rifle Range; Roman Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m.; Protestant Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

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C.G.’s MAIL BOX

Suggestions:

1. Install pull-up bars
2. Have more events at the Enlisted Club.

Submitted by Sgt. James Murray, 1st Radio Bn.

Dear Sgt Murray,

We have been asked by the Commanding General to research and to reply to your email of 1 February 2002 since your requests fall within our staff responsibilities. He appreciates you taking your time to participate in our “CG Mail” Program.

You have two suggestions within your email:

1. Install pull-up bars in base housing areas: Our facilities personnel are researching the placing of pull-up bars within family housing. Right now, there are no plans to place pull-up bars within family housing despite their usefulness. The problems we run into revolve around safety. Pull-up bars within family housing can be dangerous when young children can access them without supervision. Our Safety Department has to balance the need and necessity versus the location of such equipment and they

are tempering their recommendation to the Commanding General with the understanding of how beneficial pull-up bars are to our married Marines.

2. Have more events at the E-Club: The Base agrees with you in your opinion that special events will increase morale. To that end, The Enlisted Club is presently undergoing a complete renovation, which will incorporate a Sports Bar theme and a contemporary menu. This new Club will provide a dining venue for the Enlisted personnel on Base, and the menu will be updated regularly.

The enlisted club will also provide an extensive pupu/late night menu serving until 0100 and a nightly dinner menu. The menu is being developed and tested now, and we anticipate the club will open by end of June 2002. Food and beverage promotions are certainly part of the new restaurant format and we have plans to incorporate themed nights and specials. Current weekly promo-



BRIG. GEN. MCABEE

tions at the enlisted club are: Country Wednesdays, “chicken wing night” on Thursdays, and Weekend dance party every Friday and Saturday. In addition we have monthly promotions such as St Patrick’s Day on March 15th celebrating Irish food and beverages and Cinco de Mayo in May. Also beginning in March the E Club will be hosting a weekly pool tournament every Wednesday night.

We continue to seek to provide the services that the majority of Marines would use. Our MCCS is committed to improve their services and to tailor them to the needs and desires of our Marines.

Thank you again for your input.

Very Respectfully,
Mr. Irvine, Director Base Safety,
Mr. Murata, Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, and
LtCol Williams, Director Marine Corps Community Services

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?
Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

Rendering honors

Marine Forces Pacific Deputy Commander, Brig. Gen. John Castellaw, and Republic of Korea Marine Corps Commandant, Lt. Gen. Lee Chul Woo, present a wreath at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific to commemorate all Korean War veterans. Lieutenant Gen. Lee, who was appointed to Commandant last October, follows a customary practice of remembering the Korean War veterans with a wreath on his first visit to Hawaii. During the ceremony, members of the Chosin Few listened as Lt. Gen. Lee remarked about the bravery and distinguished service of the American and Korean veterans who fought in the Korean War.



Cpl. Jacques-Rene Hebert

The military’s ready, says Gen. Meyers

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said the U.S. military is prepared to do whatever mission President Bush orders it to do.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers said the U.S. military “will be ready. We may not have all the preferred munitions in terms of (Joint Direct Attack Munitions) that you’d want, but we have other munitions that we could substitute.”

He also said that Osama bin Laden is “probably” still alive. Ultimately, the chairman said, he believes

America will capture the terrorist leader.

Myers appeared on Fox News Sunday and ABC’s This Week. He said the United States is not concentrating on bin Laden alone. American forces are also hunting for Al Qaeda lieutenants, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar and his lieutenants.

Myers said U.S. personnel are also undertaking another important mission in helping Afghan officials build a national army.

Currently, armed forces in Afghanistan hold allegiance to regional warlords. The national army would report to Hamid Karzai’s interim government and its

successor regime. A national army would be in charge of maintaining the borders of Afghanistan, Myers said, and would help bring security to the country.

“This quite likely would require American trainers in there for a period of time,” he said. “But in small numbers.

“We’ve done this around the world and it doesn’t take a lot of troops to do the training mission.” In fact, once started, he said, contractors could do much of the training mission.

People around the world hope that Afghanistan can capitalize on this chance to establish a functioning government, he said.

U.S. work with a national army would help this situation, he noted.

Although Afghan officials would like to see the International Security Assistance Force currently in the Afghan capital of Kabul expand to other cities in the country, Myers said, American troops would not be part of the force. The United States will, however, continue to provide intelligence support and logistics help to the force.

Myers also addressed the kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. He said this is an example of a threat the

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HRST certifies at Schofield

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Many of the operations performed by today’s Marine Corps, such as rappelling, SPIE rigging and fast roping, could be hazardous if the Marines in control did not have proper training. The Helicopter Rope Suspension Training Marines who control such operations are required to complete two weeks of training from HRST Masters at Regimental Schools before they are authorized to conduct any HRST training evolutions

They must also repeat the training every 18 months to become re-certified.

Some of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay’s, rookie HRST Marines began receiving their initial training Jan. 16 at the rapel tower near the Air Assault School at Schofield Barracks.

Eighteen Marines, mostly from the 3rd Marine Regiment, and two soldiers, were there to receive their certification in all HRST operations.

“This course is very demanding for the Marines and soldiers -- both mentally and physically,” said Sgt. Travis Peterson, chief instructor of the HRST course at Regimental Schools. It’s a hard course, but they’re doing well so far, considering all the knowledge they have to absorb in such a short amount of time.”



A Marine in the Regimental Schools' HRST course makes his way down the rope on the rapel tower at Schofield Barracks.



Above Left — Marines hang suspended from the repel tower as part of their HRST certification and training. Above Right — Knot tying is a very important part of the HRST master training. Here, the training Marines learn to tie several of the knots they will use later in training.

Open areas to be used for GP training

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

In an effort to contribute to the combat readiness of tenant commands, MCB Hawaii is working to improve the training opportunities available to the Marines and Sailors here.

One recent improvement involves making use of some of the smaller open areas aboard Kaneohe Bay, for artillery and mortar units.

Although the gun sections are not able to live-fire 155mm or 81mm rounds aboard the base, they are able to set up gun positions (GPs) and complete most of their individual and section-level training.

“The training areas allow the tenant units to schedule training evolutions whenever they want,” said Maj. John S. Claucherty, deputy chief of staff for operation, MCB Hawaii. “They already train at Schofield, Bellows and near Fort Hase Beach, and these new areas increase the opportunities.”

The new gun positions include the field across the street from Building 216, the field behind the Military Police building, an area inside the Waterfront Operations compound, West Field, the old MACS-2 area, and an area on R5 inside the Range Training Facility.

The 1/12 survey section is emplacing survey points at each of the gun positions for the artillery and mortar units to conduct realistic training aboard K-Bay.

Previously, this reconnaissance selection and occupation of positions training aboard the base was limited to



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Laning Zones Eagle, West Field and Boondocker training areas.

“These additional spaces make it easier for us to get training areas and better prepare us for combat,” said Capt. Henry D. Brown, a former battery commander with 1st Bn., 12th Marines. “Just like any maneuvering team, we need to have the training space to set up our positions.”

Brown, who is currently serving as the assistant operations officer for 1/12, said that the gun sections also appreciate the survey control points on the new training spaces.

“We need to know where we are and where we’re pointed,” said Brown. “With the survey control points, we can get accurate position and directional control.”

Since each battery has six 18,000-pound Howitzers, approximately 8-12 5-ton trucks and 6-8 Humvees, the new training spaces aboard K-Bay make gun section training available much more often than in the past.

Our highest priority is to provide support for the tenant, said Claucherty.



Sgt. Roman Yurek

A survey marker identifies gun positions.



Above — Charlie Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, Marines adjust Gun One, named “Outkast,” into its new firing position. Below — Charlie Battery, 1/12, orders all gun barrels to be raised vertically.

WORD AT THE BARBER SHOP

“What are you going to do with your tax return?”



“I’ll probably have to pay.”

Staff Sgt. Jeff Barrett
NMC Intranet transition assistant
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii



“I bought a plane ticket home.”

Lance Cpl. Jeff Garcia
Supply clerk
MAG-24



“I paid some bills with mine.”

Petty Officer 3rd Class Kerry Sexton
Corpsman
Golf Co., 2/3



“...Buy a plane ticket home.”

Cpl. Mathew Fritz
Line NCO
HMH-362



“...Pay off bills, invest and buy bike parts.”

Sgt. Joey Merindo
Manpower analyst
Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii

Hawaii Marines honor Buffalo Soldier

Cpl. Jacques-Rene Hebert
*Marine Forces Pacific
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CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Marines and Sailors from Marine Forces Pacific listened to the sage words of surviving Buffalo Soldier, Dr. William Waddell IV, as they honored Black History Month Feb. 20 at the Sunset Lanai here.

Also present was retired Army 1st Sgt. Lee N. Coffee Jr., a Buffalo Soldier historian, who uses theatrical mannerisms to deliver a cultural-diversity message through his historic representation of Sgt. Emanuel Stance, one of the first Buffalo Soldiers during the late 1800’s.

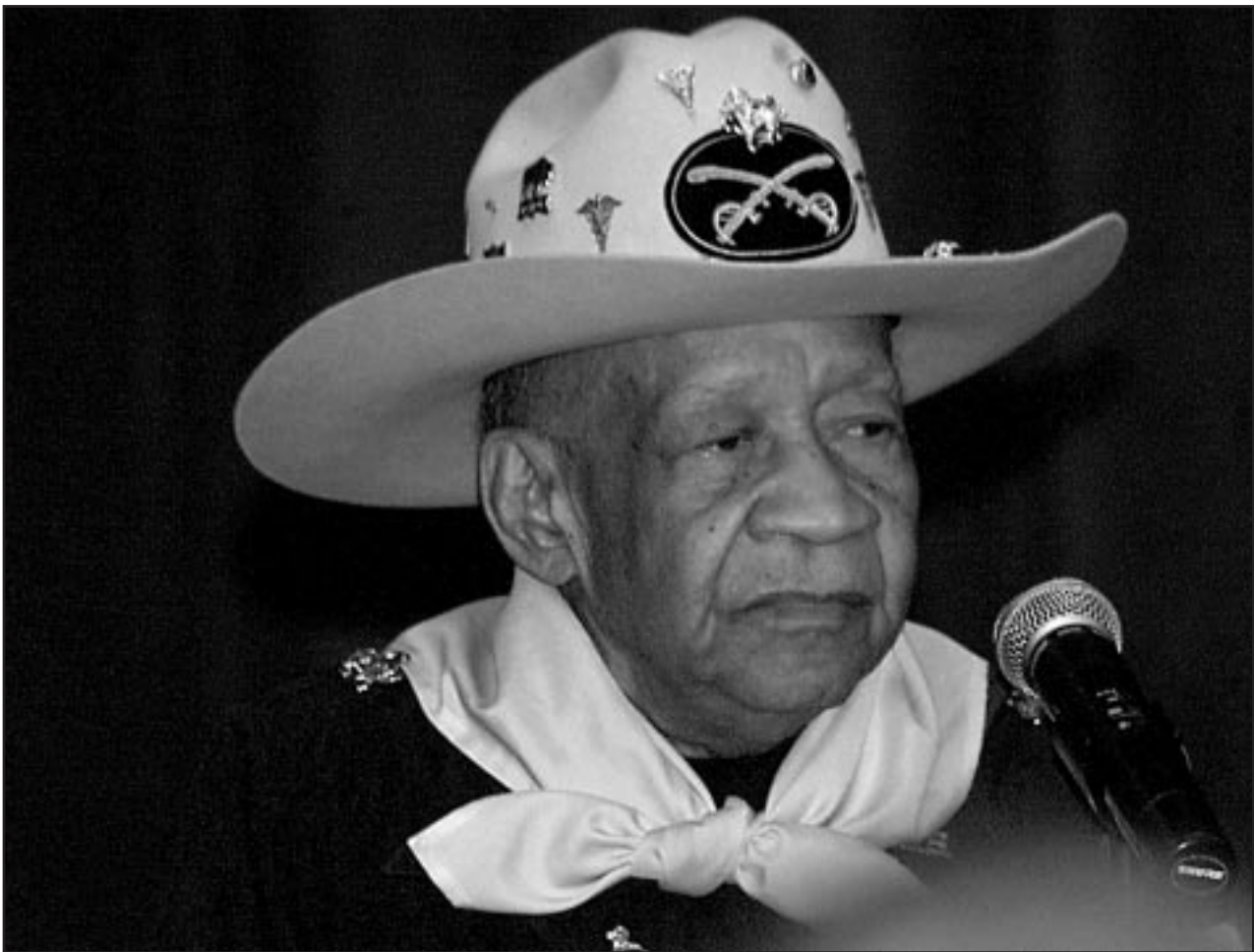
The event began with a luncheon prepared and served by the senior staff non-commissioned officers of MarForPac. After the gourmet spread, Coffee began his presentation.

“It’s the second of October, 1866, I’m training at Ft. Davis, Texas, so I can fight Apaches,” Coffee began, speaking as Stance. “Most of the other colored soldiers can’t read or write, but since I can, I got promoted to sergeant right away.”

Coffee expounded upon the character of Sgt. Stance while presenting a myriad of facts about the original Buffalo Soldiers and the trials and tribulations they faced in a discriminating military, among numerous anecdotes of honor and bravery.

“The Cheyenne Indians called us ‘Buffalo’ soldiers for a couple of reasons,” Coffee explained. “They say our hair is similar to the hair between a buffalo’s horns, and we’re just as strong, big and brave as the mightiest buffalo.”

Coffee’s qualifications for presenting the life of a black soldier are numerous,



Sgt. Roman Yurek

William H. Waddell, a Buffalo Soldier, spoke to Marines and Sailors about his experience with the 9th Cavalry during World War II at the Kaneohe Bay Base Theater, Feb. 21, as part of African American Heritage month.

having served in the Army for 24 years while participating in such billets as air assault, paratrooper, drill sergeant and first sergeant.

After Coffee’s stirring presentation, 94-year-old Waddell proudly shuffled to the podium.

“Thank you all for allowing me to come and speak to such a proud gathering of Marines serving their country,” Waddell said. “I have a message to re-

late to good people like you - a message of love. I’ve worked with George Washington Carver and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the one thing I learned from them was to be humble and to love people.”

Waddell, a retired veterinarian and Buffalo Soldier in the last cavalry in World War II, was born in the southside of Richmond, Va., in 1908. Though his beginnings were humble, he went on to

the famous Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. His life has been a valiant tale of a minority’s struggle against a discriminating system, and he has written and published a number of books of his experiences including, “People are the Funniest Animals.”

Waddell continued with words of unity and the celebration of cultural diversity.

“Marines, I don’t see in black or white or brown or purple - I see people. I see people who have to carry on tomorrow,” Waddell explained. “The message is that we must go home and start looking at life differently than we have. The lines of communication should not be broken between people, because we have to live, work, eat and die together - especially when we’re on the battlefield together.”

All eyes were on Waddell throughout the speech and not a word was spoken as he weaved stories with a message of acceptance and tolerance. When Waddell stepped down from the podium, the room exploded with applause for the sage words he offered.

The day was summarized, however, in Waddell’s final comments.

“You’re learning leadership, unity and togetherness, skills that everyone should master.”



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Led by Lt. Col. Mark D. Franklin and Sgt. Maj. Juan Camacho, HMT-301 began stepping off for their march long before sunrise Feb. Feb. 22.

HMT-301 ascends Ulupa’u Crater for Iwo Jima PME

Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

The Windwalkers took their mascot along on the hike.

It was in the wee hours of Friday morning when heavy feet and eyelids of the Marines with Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 stepped off for a 9-mile hump to eventually end up at the top of the Ulupa’u Crater aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for a worship service and short history class on the battle for Iwo Jima.

The force march coincided with the anniversary of the historical battle.

Beginning at the flight line, the unit’s path took them up Mokapu Road and all then meandered throughout the base before ascending the volcanic remnant.

The unit was decked out in full combat gear with flak jackets, rifles and even camouflage face paint. Even the HMT-301 Windwalkers mascot, a wooden statue of a Native American, was put in a pack and brought along for the trek across the Mokapu Peninsula.

As the Marines reached the base of the crater, they were met by a Marine playing bagpipes, who hiked the rest of the way up the crater. At the same time, the sun began its rise over the Pacific Ocean.

Once the Marines reached the top, they were treated to a hot breakfast of eggs, roast beef, crumb cake and several other dishes that were handed out by the unit’s staff non-commissioned officers.

The HMT-301 Marines were then treated to a worship service provided by the chaplain of the unit.

A history of the Battle for Iwo Jima was given by several staff NCOs and the

commanding officer of HMT-301, Lt. Col. Mark D. Franklin, who read and recalled several accounts of Marines who had been in the fateful battle and played such a vital role in the Second World War.

After all ceremonies atop the crater were finished, the Marines saddled up for the hike back to the flight-line.

In all, the event lasted five hours. “I believe in the total Marine idea,” said Lt. Col. Franklin, when speaking to his Marines before the march. It seemed as though HMT-301 truly understood as they completed the morning’s event.

‘Way to go, cadet!’



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Brigadier General Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, was the guest of honor at Kalaheo High School’s JROTC drill off on Feb. 22. While there, he inspected the cadets, presented awards and watched the cadets drill and perform a pass in review.

SALUTES

1ST PLACE ESSAY, SERGEANT’S COURSE 2-02

‘Why only during a national tragedy do we come together?’

Sgt. Roy Sanchez
Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps Writing Award Nominee

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, is one that will be remembered forever as a day of infamy in American history.

We found ourselves hit harder than we had ever been hit before. We saw the scene of a ghoulish battlefield in our own backyard.

We had many wounded in desperate need of blood transfusions. The nation’s blood supply was already critically low. What would we, as a nation, do for blood?

On Sept. 12, 2001, America’s blood centers said that the national blood supply for the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon were at capacity. This was all due to the patriotism of blood donors.

The blood donors were being asked to call their local community blood center to schedule appointments to donate in the following few weeks. Blood supplies would need to be replenished in local communities, nationwide, following this tragedy, as many blood centers had shipped blood to the Greater New York Metropolitan area.

We as Americans came together in a time of need to help our nation. My question is “Why only during a national tragedy do we come together?”

On any given day, approximately 40,000 units (roughly a pint each) of red blood cells are needed. The people who need them include accident victims, people undergoing surgery, patients who are being treated for leukemia, cancer and other diseases.

The Medical University of South Carolina has been faced with a blood shortage several times. With a patient bleeding on the table, and no blood available, the hospital has often had to make a decision to take allocated blood for other surgeries and wait until it could get more in to continue.

More than 23 million units of blood components are used every year; however, approximately 14 million units of blood are donated each year. After doing the math, we see that we have a serious shortage

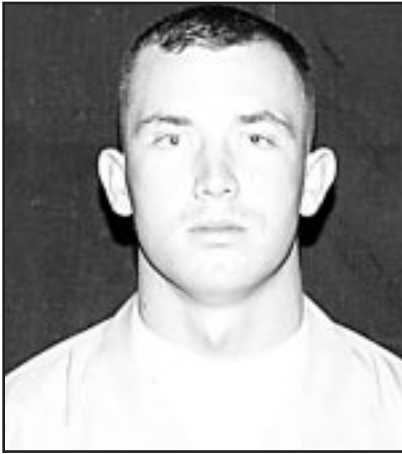
Statistics show that half of Americans are eligible to donate blood. Still, less than 5

percent of the healthy Americans who are eligible to donate actually proceed with donating blood.

There are approximately 174,000 Marines in the Corps at any given time. If we as Marines are obligated to a semiannual donation of blood, I believe we can and will make a significant difference in the blood shortage. However, this cannot be accomplished merely by simply wishing. It needs to be deemed necessary by someone with a position of higher authority.

The Marines are known for their bravery in wartime, their annual “Toys for Tots” campaign, their ability to get a warranted task completed, and most importantly their immediate response to a national dilemma.

I believe that if we take the little bit of time to donate blood and offer it not only to our Navy hospitals, but also to the community where we find our bases located, we, as Marines, will be seen not only as a fierce animal unleashed on a deserving enemy threat, but also as saviors of communities in times of need.



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Sergeant Roy L. Sanchez, maintenance administrator, HMH-463, is the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Writing Award nominee for class 2-02.



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Sergeant Ryan M. Hower, assistant drum major, MarForPac Band, is Class 2-02’s honor graduate.

PRAYER, From A-1

introduce the guest speaker, Col. Joseph V. Medina, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Medina spoke to the crowd about how faith in a supreme being has impacted his life, both personally and professionally.

He quoted verses from the Bible and a book titled “A Marine named Mitch,” by retired Col. Mitchell Paige.

“During a Japanese bomber attack, I ordered Wilson B. Faust to get into his foxhole during the raids, but he always refused, as he wanted to stick by me as he

would tell me,” read Medina.

“He would sit by me and pray for us.

“The original breakfast was held during a time of war when the country had to rethink and determine what was important to the people of this country,” explained Medina.

“Sixty years later, we’re at the same point,” added Medina before wrapping up his speech to the Marines and Sailors.

After enjoying the food, music and Col. Medina’s visit, guests heard a closing solo and a benediction by Lt. j.g. Winnie Walmsley, a base chaplain.

MILITARY BLOTTER

Traffic Court

There were a total of 95 traffic citations issued.

The Blotter

-In separate incidents, three Marines were apprehended by the Military Police Department for driving under the influence.
-A civilian employee reported damage to private property.
-In separate incidents, two Marines were involved in traffic accidents.

-A Marine and a military family member were involved in a traffic accident.
-A Sailor was involved in a traffic accident.
-A Marine was apprehended by MPD for driving without a driver’s license.
-A civilian employee reported a hit-and-run traffic accident.
-A Marine was apprehended for driving with an expired driver’s license.
-A Marine reported a larceny of private property.
-A Sailor was arrested by the Honolulu

Police Department for a DUI. He was processed and held on \$500 bail.
-A Sailor was apprehended for a DUI and driving on state suspension.

Lost and Found

If you’re missing valuables or other items, contact Lost and Found to see if anyone has turned in the item(s) at the Military Police Desk.
Lost items on hand include bicycles, wallets, keys, cell phones and miscellaneous jewelry.

Crime Prevention

Do you have questions about how you can take a stance against crime in your neighborhood? If so, contact Cpl. Gordon Scott at 257-2103, ext. 315, for tips on how not to become a victim.

Neighborhood Watch

Call Crime Prevention at 257-2103, ext. 315, to make a difference in your area.

MEYERS, From A-2

United States has lived with for a long time.
“People will not take on - in most cases — the U.S. armed forces directly,” Myers said. “We saw that on Sept. 11.”
He said the U.S. policy on hostage situations has just recently changed. “Instead of just being for Americans on official work overseas, it now is broadened to any American that is taken hostage,” he said. “Then on a case-by-case basis we decide how to react.”
Usually the United States would work through the government of the country the incident took place in. The United States would share information and intelligence with the country and work closely with its law enforcement apparatus. “There’s always the possibility we may use unilateral action (in this situation) and we would do that in the appropriate cases,” Myers said.

In the Pearl case, the Pakistani government co-operated fully with American officials. Myers said the two countries were working as a team.
Myers said there are two other American citizens being held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf group in the Philippines. The United States is working with the Philippine government and American forces are in the country “to help, advise and train the Philippine armed forces so they can go after the very group that has our two Americans,” he said.
He said the U.S. forces in the Philippines are there at the invitation of the Philippine government. Thousands of Filipino troops are tracking the Abu Sayyaf group on the island of Basilan.
“We are there to help train and advise on things like command and control, communications, intelligence analysis,” Myers said.
Ten American service members involved in this mission died Feb. 22 when their MH-47 helicopter crashed at sea.
Myers also addressed the charge that Iran is trying to influence tribesmen near its borders. News reports suggest that Iran has funneled weapons and money to warlords near the city of Herat.
“The interim government and whatever follows must be allowed to develop their own capability to rule their country and develop services for their country without undue influence from any outsiders,” Myers said. “Countries that are trying to influence events (in Afghanistan) are not very helpful right now.”



Kim Crites takes the kids out for a train ride at the Hourly Child Development Center.

CDC, From A-1

will already have all the paperwork,” Allen said. “Additionally, if the parents have their children enrolled in our program they can take advantage of ‘Parent’s Night Out.’ This quarterly activity is held on a Friday night and gives the parents a chance to go out together

while leaving their children with familiar caregivers in a safe setting.
The Hourly Child Development Center is a valuable asset for K-Bay families and space is available every day.
To get more information about services, call 257-8354.



Morgan Clingan, giggles to herself as she enjoys her time at the HCDC playground.

===== EVERY CLIME AND PLACE =====

MSSG-13 facelifts Kenyan school for the deaf

Sgt. Nathan J. Ferbert
13th MEU (SOC)

KILIFI, Kenya — Even with the focus on events of the “War on Terrorism,” Marines and Sailors of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and the USS Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group dedicated more than 200 hours to a Humanitarian Civic Assistance project in the District of Malindi, Feb. 6-18.

The H/CA was one of several projects of Exercise Edged Mallet and involved working with Kenyan Army engineers to renovate the Kibarani School for the Deaf (KSD) and create a source of water for the Gongoni Maternity Clinic.

After coming ashore in waves from the USS Bonhomme Richard and Pearl Harbor, the H/CA team completed a long 12-hour, nine-vehicle convoy from Lamu to Malindi, Feb. 6.

At KSD, a 10-man crew sank



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Kenyans watch a CH-53 Super Stallion from the 13th MEU (SOC), which escorted the 13th MEU (SOC)’s Commanding Officer, Col. Christopher J. Gunther, and the Commander of Marine Forces Pacific, Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, to several project sites in Kenya.

their wrecking bars and hammers into three bathrooms and several classrooms, tearing out crumbling wood and framing and replacing them with new material. After the rough work was finished, it was time for the finishing touches and a fresh coat of paint.

Another10-man crew, plus se-

curity, traveled an hour and a half to the well-digging site at Gongoni, five times during the H/CA. There they worked with Kenyan Army engineers to drill a 110-foot bore hole, lay a foundation for a water tank and do plumbing for water supplies.

After near-completion of those tasks, the group of 49 ser-

vicemembers from the 13th MEU (SOC)’s MEU Service Support Group 13 and Command Element unexpectedly gave a facelift to a house at KSD by furnishing it with a new roof and ceiling.

A teacher from KSD and his wife and son were living in the dilapidated, termite-infested house.

The detachment of Marines and Sailors shifted their efforts by splitting up the work crews to tackle all three projects at once — and it worked.

“Marines, in general, take pride in what they do and like to leave things in better shape than they found them,” said Maj. Walter T. Anderson, MSSG-13’s executive officer and the officer-in-charge of the H/CA. “The house project typifies that ethos.”

Anderson, a 14-year veteran of the Corps, noted the side benefits of his Marines’ hard work.

“The personnel we’ve worked with speak well of the

U.S. military and we’ve had a great working relationship. Hopefully, long after we’re gone, they’ll reflect back on our time here, like other units in the past here, and hold us in the same high regard.”

The house required replacement of 85 percent of the wood in the ceiling and roof framework, as well as an entirely new roof and soft-board ceiling.

The work crews, support and security for the H/CA were a melting pot of engineers, maintainers, drivers, communicators, corpsmen, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, headquarters personnel and military police men and women.

Alex Hayes, a 21-year-old lance corporal and bulk fuel specialist with Engineer Detachment, MSSG-13, realized right away the fruits of his labor.

“The kids of the school lined up outside the windows to watch us. They always smiled and waved at us. The whole school expressed gratitude.”